

Market crash affects levy

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Oregonians' skepticism regarding property tax increases and a low voter turnout are two of the reasons most given around campus on the Nov. 3 defeat of the college operating levy by district voters.

Only one school property tax levy passed statewide. Oregon voters in rural areas, especially during the depressed economy of the 1980's, are reluctant to support property tax increases due to this state's reliance on property taxes for local government revenue.

Forty-eight percent of registered district voters returned a mail-in ballot. "If we're not interjecting 60 percent of the voting public, we're in trouble," said College Board member Larry Wright during a College Board work session Nov. 4.

Board member Rodger Rook said the levy failed partly due to last month's stock market crash

and voters receiving their property tax statements the same time as the election.

Rook and fellow board member Ross Smith said they received calls from several angry district residents complaining about inaccurate information in college material promoting the levy. They said the colleges current property tax rate is \$1.34 per \$1000 of assessed value, not \$1.25 like some of the material said.

A public survey on why the levy failed is being conducted by the college, said Lee Fawcett, Assistant Dean of Student Services. This will be used to help the college prepare the next levy request.

The College Board will most likely try again by voting to place a levy request on the March, 1988 ballot. The current levy expires June 30, 1988.

College President John Keyser told the Board the College will remain on the current budget calendar despite the levy's defeat.

Old trailers potential hazard



photo by Beth Coffey

Gaping hole under Student Health Trailer depicts general disrepair of 20-year-old trailers.

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A gas leak late last month that left several persons nauseous as well as leaky roofs and a heating and ventilation system that, at best, works sparingly, are only some of problems with the three trailers north of Mc Loughlin and Randall Halls, according to Stan Johnson, Public Safety Chief.

The 20-year-old trailers, which have been "temporary for 15 years or so," said Johnson, house his offices and those of the Stu-

dent Health Services and Student Publications. He said he and the other college employees that work in the trailers have presented a list of needed repairs to Bill Ryan, Dean of Student Services.

Johnson said in addition to the leaky roofs and the heating and ventilation problems, the floors sag, the walls are collapsing, the plumbing and electrical system needs repair, and the phone system in the Student Health Services trailer has broken down.

Other complaints include the trailers need painting and metal

work done to improve their unsightliness, plus the need for carpeting and soundproofing.

Johnson said the trailers have not received regular maintenance because they are considered temporary. Ryan's office said until a new building is built, no plan exists to remove them.

A gas leak in the Student Health Services trailer was repaired Oct. 29 after a week of complaints of dizziness and nausea from several persons, including Health Services physician Rodney Powell. Earlier attempts to find and fix the leak failed.

ASG goals voiced

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Student Government recently adopted four new goals, which are about improving student involvement on the college.

"We want to lower the net costs of text books to students," said Neale Frothingham, ASG president. Probably a faculty committee will be formed to study the book store prices.

The second ASG goal is to increase student involvement in the decision making process of the college. The way student government will approach students is to have their Dec. 3 ASG meeting in the Fireside Lounge, so many students are going to be able to attend.

There also will be a year long poster campaign and ASG would like to get a student on the Foundation Board to achieve that same goal.

is to increase the student emergency loan to pay financial aid for students who have emergency needs. Money for the emergency loan will be collected from increased parking fines.

Another way to get more money for financial aid is from Washington D.C. Over 50 percent of the financial aid on campus is federal.

Student Government also adopted a child care bill which will become part of the financial aid program, if the Board of Education will approve the bill.

"ASG and CCOSAC are aggressively seeking for support from our Boards of Education," Frothingham expressed.

Child care will be provided to anyone who gets less than 115 percent by State median income. It will be federal funding for people who got involved in the child care industry.

CCC students participate...

Great American Smokeout

Some Clackamas Community College students will be volunteering to take a test on Thursday, Nov. 19.

This "test" won't establish their knowledge of American history, English literature or basic accounting. It will test their ability to do without cigarettes for one 24-hour period.

The CCC students will be among the millions of American smokers participating in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout.

The Society sponsors the Great American Smokeout each year on the third Thursday in November, to encourage smokers to test their willpower for just one day. This year marks the 11th annual Smokeout celebration. Last year, almost 24 million smokers quit or cut down for the day.

The Student Nurses Association will have a display in the Community Center Thursday, Nov. 19 from 11:00-1:00.

"The best news is, this is a test nobody can fail. Making any attempt to quit makes you a Smokeout winner! Anybody who tries, gets an 'A' for effort.... and if you make it the whole day, that's a definite 'A+'," said Sharon Todd and Karen Hamilton, campus Smokeout coordinators. Sharon added that the Smokeout is in-

tended for everyone - students, faculty, smokers, non-smokers, and even "smokeless" tobacco users.

"We hope everyone will participate," they said. "If you're not a smoker, or you've already

quit, you can 'adopt' a smoker and help them get through the day," they said.

Adoption papers and survival kits are available at the Student Nurses Association display table.

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Frothingham said he would like students to be more active in the decision making process of matters concerning students. Student tuition provides 14 percent of the college's revenue and students could have a strong influence on decisions, when being more active.

To improve communication between faculty and students is the third goal, which can be established through faculty involvement in student activities, and "have students and staff interact more outside the classroom."

The fourth goal is to increase financial aid. The way ASG would like to approach this goal

The child care bill refers not only to college students, but to "anyone with children in this state would be eligible to apply."

Child care facilities licensed by the State of Oregon would also be able to apply for funds to increase the salary of the workers, to do education to increase the abilities of the workers, and to have an educational program to increase the learning experience of children.

"This is an area where students can be involved. This is their chance," Frothingham concluded, pointing out the importance of student involvement in the decision making.

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